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Project Safe Neighborhoods: Felon to Serve 29 Years, 10 Months after Selling Crack Cocaine While on Bond

Urbana, IL - A Kankakee felon who pled guilty to selling crack cocaine while on bond pending his report to federal prison will now serve nearly 30 years in federal prison. United States Attorney Rodger A. Heaton, Central District of Illinois, announced that Robert Brooks, age 32, whose last known address was in the 300 block of South Longwood Drive, Kankakee, Illinois, will now serve 29 years and 10 months in prison.

Chief U.S. District Judge Michael P. McCuskey first sentenced Brooks on March 13, 2007, to a term of 84 months in prison for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. At that time, Judge McCuskey continued Brooks' release on bond and ordered him to report to the federal Bureau of Prisons on April 13, 2007, to begin serving his federal sentence.

Brooks was sentenced on September 6, 2007, to an additional term of 274 months to be served consecutive to the 84-month sentence ordered for the firearms offense. Brooks pled guilty on June 7, 2007, to selling crack cocaine to confidential informants while on bond awaiting his report date to federal prison. Brooks admitted selling crack cocaine in Kankakee on four occasions: March 30, 2007; April 3, 2007; April 5, 2007; and on April 10, 2007. Brooks was arrested following the controlled purchase on April 10, 2007, and law enforcement officers seized \$724 from Brooks' pants pocket, including the \$200 received in the controlled purchase and an additional \$10,900 in U.S. currency, bundled in \$100 quantities, in Brooks' car.

The charges were the result of a cooperative investigation under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative by the Kankakee Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene L. Miller prosecuted the case.

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